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1. IN MEETING WITH IDB AND PROSPECTIVE NON-REGIONAL COUNTRY MEMBERS (NRC) IN BONN NOV. 5-6, U.S. NEGOTIATED UNDERSTANDING WITH NRC WHEREBY U.S. AGREED TO UNTIE PROCUREMENT MADE WITH FUNDS CONTRIBUTED IN FUTURE REPLENISHMENTS (I.E., SUBSEQUENT TO REPLENISHMENT EXERCISE CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATED BY REGIONAL MEMBERS FOR 1976-1978). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBILITY THAT NEW NRC MEMBERS MIGHT

REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE REPLENISHMENTS YET CONTINUE TO ENJOY PROCUREMENT BENEFITS, WE ALSO PROPOSED AND ULTIMATELY OBTAINED NRC AGREEMENT TO RECIPROCAL DECLARATIONS THAT UNTIED PROCUREMENT WOULD APPLY ONLY IN MEMBER COUNTRIES ACTUALLY PARTICIPATING IN FUTURE REPLENISHMENTS. THIS UNDERSTANDING IS TO BE COMMUNICATED IN LETTERS FROM U.S. AND FROM NRC TO IDB PRESIDENT AT TIME OF JOINT IDB/NRC DECLARATION IN MADRID, DECEMBER 17,1974,

OF INTENT TO IMPLEMENT NRC MEMBERSHIP. UNDERSTANDING ALSO EMBODIED IN DECLARATION OF MADRID AND SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT TO IDB CHARTER PROPOSED BY U.S.

2. ALTHOUGH JAPANESE AND OTHERS HAD SOME RESERVATIONS AT BONN MEETING, ALL NRC ULTIMATELY ACCEPTED PROPOSAL AND

U.S. LETTER. TO EXTENT THAT JAPANESE NOW SAY MADRID DECLARATION ONLY NOTES U.S. PROPOSED AMENDMENT, WE BELIEVE THIS MAY CONSTITUTE RENEGING ON A COMMITMENT. OUR VIEW IS THAT ON-GOING PARTICIPATION IN REPLENISHMENT IS QTE EXISTING GENERAL PRACTICE UNQTE. IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS. WE UNDERSTAND SUBJECT WAS RAISED DURING CONSIDERATION OF DAC DECLARATION AND THAT A STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC CONTINUING CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IF PROPOSED. THEREFORE, U.S. BELIEVES THAT NEGOTIATED UNDERSTANDING ON IDB PROCUREMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH DAC DECLARATION ON MULTILATERAL UNTYING.

3. WHILE WE ARE INTERESTED IN EXPRESSION OF OUR INTER-PRETATION IN DAC RECORD, WE AGREE THAT IT PREFERABLE TO AVOID DAC DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER AT PRESENT TIME.

ACCORDINGLY WE URGE YOU TO DISCOURAGE JAPANESE INITIATIVE. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION, YOU MAY ALSO POINT OUT THAT WE ARE CONSULTING WITH JAPANESE BILATERALLY. FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY OTHER DISCUSSION OF ISSUE SHOULD REMAIN WITHIN CONTEXT OF IDB AND NEGOTIATIONS ON NON-REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP. WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT NRC AND IDB PROCEED ON SCHEDULE WITH DECLARATION OF MADRID. ANY ATTEMPT TO SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER THE LANGUAGE OR INTENT AT THIS TIME COULD PREJUDICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ENTIRE NON-REGIONAL EXERCISE.

4. FOR BONN - ADVISE MOLTRECHT THAT JAPAN IS ATTEMPTING TO RAISE PREVIOUSLY DECIDED ISSUE DESCRIBED PARAGRAPH 1

IN DECEMBER 12 DAC SESSION AND INDICATE U.S. FEELING THAT ATTEMPT TO CHANGE LANGUAGE OR INTENT AT THIS TIME COULD PREJUDICE NON-REGIONAL EXERCISE. KISSINGER

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